

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Plainfield Energy Team
Notes of January 10, 2011 Meeting

Attending: Anne Miller, Bob Atchinson, Ed Hutchinson, Lawrence Black, Rich Phillips

Convene: 6:00 P. M.

Adjoin: 7:30 P M.

Business: (Updates)

- 1) Bus: Boardings at Marshfield have increased from 63 in July to 106 in December. Plainfield boardings have increased from 148 in July to 211 in December. The December Marshfield number relates to about 4 or 5 riders/day average so we have room to grow.
- 2) The Business Ambassador program has resulted in two businesses seeking assistance. Bob and Rich will seek more businesses Many do not think they can afford to expend any extra money at this time.
- 3) OSC: The boiler temperature has been reduced to 150 degrees from 180 degrees to try to bring the temperature down. Apparently all the improvements have made it so one boiler is more than enough to heat (overheat) the building. Rich has completed a cost analysis for the conversion to pellet heat with a positive result and the Selectboard has put an article for \$35,000 on the town meeting warning. The light conversion from T12s to T8s is underway and should save about \$700/year.
- 4) Twinfield: Rich sent an e-mail to the Twinfield and WNESU administrations and select teachers offering to assist in energy reduction efforts and requesting a meeting of all the players. There is no response yet.
- 5) Field Notes: The energy article has to be in by January 15, 2011. The article will include a bus testimonial by Rose Paul from Plainfield, an update on the bus ridership, a heads up on the pellet boiler article referring to the information we will put in the Town Report and a description of the services the Committee can provide to residents
- 6) Town Plan: John assisted Dan in accessing the new on line energy atlas. Otherwise, Dan received no comments on his draft so he finalized it. In Dan's absence, Rich is supposed to send the draft along to the Planning Commission. However Rich did not get a chance to pull together the statistics associated with the efforts we have already made nor to propose any specific objectives. Rich will work on these for review at the next meeting.